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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM AF/C - K. AISTON

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1. (C) DEMARCHE ON CDR ISSUE: WE (AF/C) ARE CALLING IN MURIGANDE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 1:00 PM LOCAL TO MAKE THE DEMARCHE REQUESTED IN KIGALI 01319. I ASKED CHRIS WILSON (THE UGANDA DESKOFF) ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING AMB. CARSON MAKE A DEMARCHE ON MUSEVENI DESPITE THE LOCAL

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ELECTIONS GOING ON THERE. HE SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THE ELECTIONS POSE A PROBLEM BUT HE DID SEE A LOGISTICAL/TIMING PROBLEM, TO WIT: A/S MOOSE IS GOING TO BE IN KAMPALA APRIL 3-5 (AFTER THE AF/E COM CONFERENCE IN ZANZIBAR) AND CHRIS'S HUNCH IS THAT CARSON WOULD PROBABLY PREFER TO WAIT UNTIL A/S MOOSE IS IN TOWN TO SEE

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MUSEVENI, RATHER THAN IMPOSING ON HIM TWICE IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. THE ADVANTAGE TO WAITING IS THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO ARRANGE TO HAVE A/S MOOSE MAKE THE POINTS, BUT WOULD IT BE TOO LATE BY THEN? (AT THAT POINT, EXPIRATION OF THE UN MANDATE WOULD BE UPON US.) ON THE OTHER HAND, IF KAMPALA IS WILLING TO ASK TO SEE MUSEVENI THIS WEEK, DESPITE MOOSE'S IMMINENT VISIT, WE RUN INTO THE PROBLEM THAT CARSON MAY BE AT THE AF/E COM CONFERENCE. GIVEN THESE COMPLICATIONS, HOW DO YOU WANT TO HANDLE THIS?

2. (LOU) AF/C - TRAVEL ADVISORIES R US: THE EVENTS IN BUJ LAST WEEK CAUSED CA TO REVIEW ITS CONSULAR INFO SHEET, WHICH CAUSED ME TO DO THE SAME. I REALIZED WE WERE IN THE SOMEWHAT ANOMALOUS SITUATION OF HAVING NO CURRENT TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR BUJ, WHEN SCORES (HUNDREDS?) WERE BEING KILLED IN BUJ QUARTIERS, AND YET WE STILL HAVE A WARNING TO "DEFER ALL TRAVEL TO RWANDA", DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE VIOLENCE FROM LATE FEBRUARY THAT JUSTIFIED THE ADVISORY HAS DIED DOWN. DOES POST THINK THE CURRENT WARNING FOR RWANDA IS STILL JUSTIFIED? I SUSPECT YOU MAY WANT TO KEEP IT IN PLACE AT LEAST UNTIL THE POLITICAL IMPASSE IS BROKEN, BUT I JUST WANTED TO CHECK AND MAKE SURE. MAYBE A LESS STRINGENT ADVISORY (LIKE DEFER ALL UNNECESSARY TRAVEL?) WOULD BE BETTER? IF YOU DECIDE THAT A CHANGE IS ADVISABLE, PLEASE HAVE LAURA SEND A FRONT CHANNEL WITH PROPOSED CHANGE. THANKS.
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